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Highest temperature yesterday, 42; low

ALLIES MUST SEEK PEACE, SAYSGERMANY

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"We Fight for Liberty, Not Conquest," Chancellor Tells Reichstag.

WARNS FOES DELAY CAN ONLY COST MORE

Makes Bitter Attack on pal salients of their front. British Story of War's Beginning.

WILL NOT GIVE UP

Always Ready to Discuss Terms Compatible With Safety.

Bekeln, via London, Dec. 9 .- Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor, replied in the Reichstag to-day to the interpeliation of the Socialists on the subject of the Government's views regarding peace.

hust make peace proposals "compatible ignorance of statesmet are entangled with confusion of public pinton," and he warned the Allies that prolongation of the war would only reult in an increase in Germany's de-

The Chancellor said that although the successes won in the campaign against erbin, which had opened the road to ermany's Turkish allies and threatened est valuerable parts of the British , would explain a desire for peace the part of Germany's enemies, none had made overtures but, instead ere clinging to the intentions nunced at the beginning of the war

said that he could not discuss

not more than enough, y of cotton was coming up the supplies of copper and sufficient and Germany was to carry the war into other

our enemies conclude that we are prevalent is the idea that we at begging for peace. Prince von Buelow in Switzerland, Dr. Solf at The Hague, Prince Maximilian of Baden at Stock-loin, Cardinal von Hartmann at Rome. have been credited with missions with mediation in favor of peace. these assertions our enemies the Keiser was going to Constanticopie in order to dictate terms of peace miles northeast of Guevzhell. The lake

egan when the Entente policy in the tors to shatter our firm confidence, stated.

dreaming of victory.

No. we shall not yield to words. We

t Germany's future demands.

must contain guarantees for Germany's

The Releasing opened its session at 10 colock this morning. There was a great attendance of Deputies and the public tribunes were crowded. The notables among those who listened to the Imperial Chancellor's speech included Ambassador Gerard, the Grand Duke of Mecklenburg, Admiral von Tirpitz and Count

We do not fight in order to subjugate nations," the Chancellor said. fight for the protection of our life and hearty. For the German Government the war has always been what it was at

the beginning—a war of defence for the German nation and for her future.

Must Provide Against War. "The war can be terminated only by a sace which will give the certitude that

of public opinion it would be folly for German cavalry has appeared around Germany to make peace proposals, which stip and even further south, in the would not shorten, but would lengthen, Strumitza region, foreshadowing a con-First the masks must be torn from their faces. At present they speak of a war of annihilation against us. We

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Bulgars, in Fierce Drives,

Demir-Kapu railway station has been taken by the Bulgars:

Our troops approached the village of Gradice from three sides. A hot battle ensued, lasting until midnight.

One of our columns attacked a French battalion near the village of Petroz, south of the Sudova station. The battalion was annihilated by a bayonet attack and its encampment

captured.
Our troops operating south of Strumitza have advanced to the south

of Kosturino, attacking the French and the British troops on their whole front. One hundred and fourteen British soldiers were taken prisoners

and two guns, two caissons and one

Too, Menace Retreating Army.

asserts, however, that these operations are progressing favorably for the invaders. All indications are that the

Montenegrins, defending every inch of ground in the steep mountain passes of their little kingdom, are rendering a re-

sistance equal in heroism and tenacity

to that which the invaders met in Serbia.

Albanian tribesmen have intiated a campaign of revenge" against the Serbs.

says Atheus Report.

Council in Paris,

Pants. Dec. 9 .- No official announce

and Deputies Suggested.

Special Cable Despatch to Tun Sts.

Commons and the French Chamber of

Asks "Who the Devil He Is and

What He Is Roaring About."

before the Chicago Association of Com-

thirdly, I shall close my talk with a disto what the devil he is roar

DENIES WILSON SAID IT.

Will Keep Raising Hell."

COLT'S ON 50 PER CENT. BASIS.

Directors Declare Extra Dividend

-Stock Around 900.

ATHENS. Dec. 9 .- "Negotiations

These Albanians, particularly the

serbia, were captured.

from the Albanians.

thine gun were captured. The bat-was a stubborn one.

French Forced Out of Ravine in Vardar Valley-British, Admitting Retreat, Say They Were Outnumbered-Germans on Way to Join New Attack.

ENTENTE FORCES INTRENCH AT SALONICA

Special Cable Despatch to THE SCN. LONDON, Dec. 9 .- The first phase of what is expected to be a decisive battle between the Bulgars and the Franco-British forces in the southeast corne of Serbia has resulted in the Allies be-

In the Vardar Valley the Bulgarian onslaught compelled the French after violent two days fighting to give up their positions in the Demir-Kapu ravine on the Salonica-Nish railway.

To the southeast of this ravine another Bulgarian army, strengthened by the advance guard of the German forces hurrying to reenforce them, violently attacked the British positions wast of acked the British positions west ALSACE-LORRAINE Lake Dorlan, and, according to the offi-cial British statement, forced the de-fenders to retreat three successive times

in as many days.

All along the front the Franco-British forces are now under attack, constantly increasing in violence. The losses suffered in these two defeats by the Allies cannot yet be determined, as the battle is still raging.

The Bulgarian victory over the French at Demir-Kapu is announced by Sofia in the following passage of to-day's official report :

Our troops continued their pursuit of the French on both sides of the Vardar River. We occupied the railway station at Demir-Kapu and are now twelve kilometers (about seven

Bulgarian announcement is conby a Reuter despatch from the headquarters, saying that "the withdrawal from their positions of Demir-Kapu Gorge and the conment of Krivolak and Kavadar must be regarded as strategic moves."
This same despatch adds that the Demir-Kapu tunnel and the bridges were blown up by the French, who retired to the east and established The French War Office in an official ement issued to-day does not admit withdrawal from the Demir-Kapu positions. It as rts that all Bulgarian attacks failed, but adds that fighting is in progress in front of the bridgehead of Gradice. Gradice is on the Vardar, slightly to the south of Demir-Kapu. The French statement follows:

Since the preceding communique the Bulgars have made at different points of our front violent attacks, which were all repuised with heavy losses for the enemy. The fighting continues in front of our bridgehead of Gradice,

British Admit Retreat.

The British Official Press Bureau gave ut the following statement to-day The Bulgars on Monday, after heavy bombardment, attacked the British westward of Lake Dorian. A small party entered our advanced trenches but were immediately driven out a point of the bayonet.

Tuesday the Bulgars attacked

again, and by the weight of numbers drove us out of our position. Under the cover of darkness our troops were withdrawn to a new line. Reports concerning our losses have not yet been received. On Wednesday the British repulsed

all attacks. We withdrew in the evening to new positions in order to conform with the general alignment.

There is not one word of truth in these legends. This press campaign Strumitza, the Bulgarian stronghold. One correspondent at British field headquarters, telegraphing under yesterday's date, says:
"Bulgarian attacks during the la

d. Against the logic of facts ies can do nothing. Our cal-show no flaw, no uncertain the logic of a somewhat more serious nature than was originally our enemies are not yet inclined to stantly increasing strength. They seem well supplied with artillery and are apparently adopting the German neople is unshaken in its of deluging their objective with shells upon its strength, which is in-it would be an insult to try to believe that we, who are going have engaged the principal share of the victory and are standing far out in enemy's country, should be inferior of the enemy our outposts, which pushed endurance, activity and internal shead our positions for tactical purposes, our enemies, who still are have been gradually falling back to the

Greek Problem Now Acute,

"Some hand fighting has actually shall resolutely carry on the war which taken place, in which we made short the encury wanted in order to complete work of our opponents, driving them out of the trenches which they had occupied

Loud and prolonged applause greeted its assertion, drowning out an interrupt on by Dr. Liebknecht.

The Socialist interpellation was presented by Dr. Scheidemann in the following terms:

"Is the Imperial Chancellor ready to its information as to the conditions inder which he would be willing to enter into peace negotiations."

The Chancellor's reply was approved by a resolution of the Reichstag, which needlared that the conditions of peace must contain guarantees for Germany's safety, even if this implied the annexation of territory.

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Of the trenches which they had occupied under cover of their artillery.

"As the Allies' lines contract upon the test from the year the problem of Greece's attitude becomes acute. Doubtless the German commanders of the Bulgare with make the utmost efforts to prevent a violation of Greek neutrality, but, aithough the Bulgarian and coadjutors, the traditional hatred between the two races (Bulgarian and Greek) may lead to conflict before the Germans can interefere.

"The news of the withdrawal of the French east of Demir-Kapu is confirmed, but details are lacking. It appears that

but details are lacking. It appears that

the fact that the Allies have not so far advanced as to commit them to a course foreign to their plans."

The following despatch was received here late to-night from Salonica:

"To-day there was a series of local engagements on the French front. Yestergagements on the French front. Yesterday."

It was also denied that the President gaid, "I will enter the next campaign with confidence and enthusiasm."

day continuous fighting occurred on the British front. Artillery action followed by infantry attacks were launched by the Bulgarians. All of these attacks were The fighting was resumed this morn

ing. It seems as if the Bulgars are de-termined to break through the British HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 9.—At the De-cember meeting of the directors of the Colt's Patent Firearms Manufacturing Company this afternoon the stock, which will not return. We all agree about these. These, however, are strongly held and well defended.

"Wounded allied soldiers removed As long as in the countries of our from Guevghell in ambulances and a number of refugees have arrived in Salonica." is now soaring around 900, was placed for the time being on a 50 per cent. dividend basis by the declaration of the

German cavalry has appeared around German cavairy has appeared around is the importance of importance of the importance of importance o

HE BOUGHT JOB

Committee in Bank Account Quiz.

BORROWED \$14,000 BEFORE APPOINTMENT

structed counsel for his legislative com mittee yesterday to begin contempt propersonal affairs before he became a done to him Senator Thompson brought Monday. Salonica despatch says the Allies making elaborate preparations for defence of Salonica. Fortifications by asking the following question: and trenchés are being constructed around the Greek seaport and artillery is mounted on every hill and eminence.

Public Service Commissioner?"

SERBS LOSE FOUR CITIES. is making only slow progress, no suc-cesses of a definite nature being an-nounced to-day. The German War office in-law.

> member of Colgate, Parker & Co. When Mr. Wood refused to tell of his personal business affairs Senator

races Albanians, particularly the Ar-nauts, according to Berlin advices, are attacking the fragments of Serbla's shattered army as they are driven over the Albanian border. German military writers, pointing to the blood feud, think the Serblans must, excel, little morey. the Serbians must expect little mercy "Now, Mr. Wood, I want you to answer, and if you don't you'll get a chance to go before a Grand Jury." SOLVING GREEK PUZZLE.

Segotiations Growing Definite. ween Greece and the Entente Powers his brother in liquidation of this debt BALKANS DECISION REACHED. and the remainder of his debt to his brother. He said he spent some of the Allies Hold Fourth Session of Wat

but it is believed a decision has been reached as to the future course of the Allies in the Balkans.

Sir Edward Grey and Field Marshai Kitchener came from London to be present. The British Ambassador to France and Vice-Admiral Roussine, chief of the General Staff of the Russian navy, who reached Paris to-day, also were present as a constant of the Russian staff of the Russian navy, who reached Paris to-day, also were present as a constant of the Russian staff of the

"Do you realize that we will have to subpoens your mether or that you will tell us the purpose of that loan?"
"I hear you say so," was the reply. liaments for closer cooperation between the two bodies. "Deputy Bouillon," the paper says, "conferred with John Will-

"And remember," he added, "we are going to the bottom of this. This com-London yesterday regarding the possi-bility of a joint meeting of the House of mittee doesn't go out of business on the Deputies. The scheme is very visionary, but is to be considered." first of January. Delay will not hely ou any. Delay won't make any differ TAFT LINKS SATAN AND T. R.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9 .- In a speech here

before the Chicago Association of Commerce to-day ex-President Taft said of Col. Roosevelt:

"He has been belaboring Mr. Wilson and me and I do not know that I can respond any better than by repeating a story my father used to teil.

"A Seatch domine took as his text Commission. He said Judge Tierney had been counsel to the Union Railway Company. He denied that he ever talked Company. He denied that he ever talked to John A. Maher or to Mr. Maher's "A Scotch dominie took as his text.
The devil is like a roaring iton going about seeking whom he may devour.'
He said: 'I shall divide my text into three father, who is vice-president of the parts. In the first place I shall inquire,

Didn't Predict That "Mexicans WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—A remark attributed to the President in the course of his speech to the Democratic National Committeemen, namely, that "the Meximal Public Service Commissioner?"

Mansfield Fuhrer, who is employed in Mansfield Funrer, who is employed in the purchasing department of the Inter-borough, testified that since Mr. Wood had been on the Public Service Commis-sion the business of the Interborough with the N. W. Equipment Company, the successor of the Northwestern Construc-tion Company, had increased from al-most nothing to an average of \$2,200 a

most nothing to an average month.

Senator Thompson and the District Attorney were silent yesterday concerning the matters over which they have been in consultation, although it was intimated that a fund of \$58,000 had intimated that a fund of \$58,000 had intimated that a fund of \$58,000 had see trouble ahead for the Democrats because a Democratic President has because a Democratic President has lashed with his scorn men of alien birth

Dislodge Allied Armies POINTBLANKIF NAMEDTOTAKE

Says "No." Defies Thompson Whitman Makes Progressive Head of Public Service Board.

> SHREWD POLITICS FOR 1916 IS SEEN

ALBANY, Dec. 9 .-- Oscar S. Straus of New York, who was the Bull Moose candidate for Governor in 1912, was named

The Governor made it plain that Mr. Straus, who will be 65 years old on December 23, was reluctant to accept the appointment. Since Tuesday morning, the day after the announcement of Judge McCall's removal, the Governor had been missioner Wood was asked about his o'clock this morning. At that time Gov.
Whitman talked with him over the tele-

prove acceptable to the organization Republicans, but Gov. Whitman expressed the belief that the organization would indorse the appointment when it comes before the State Senate for confirmation in January.

"Does the appointment of Mr. Straus mean that you are breaking away from the Republican organization?" was question put to the Governor.

Seeking Best Man.

"It means nothing more than that I "it means nothing more than that I am making a sincere effort to get the very best men possible regardless of whether they are indorsed by the organization or not. I do not see how my appointment of Ordway, Duffey, Pratt and the rest can show anything different. If the Republican organization puts up a good man I shall accept him, but I do not propose to be bound by any suggestions the organization may make The organization certainly had no part in the appointment of Mr. Straus, but have no doubt it will indorse the appointment."

The appointment of Mr. Straus is taken as an indication that Gov. Whitman has increased hopes that with Charles E. Hughes and Elihu Root out of the way he has the best chance of any in the field to obtain the Republican rominaion for President.

Gov. Whitman's friends say that there is no doubt of his remonination and re-election as Governor should be wish it. the Presidency. Gov. Whitman de it plain that he is not a canprother. He said he spent some of the phatically told the friends it would be noney in the Northwestern Construction an easy job to refuse the Vice-Presidency, even if the convention insisted

That his Presidential hopes have received a new impetus since Charles E. Hughes took his name off the Nebraska primary ballot and the people defeated the new Constitution is made plain by

his appointment of Mr. Straus.

Aside from the politics of the situa-tion Mr. Straus's appointment is looked upon as one that will mean much to the business interests of New York city and one that will put the Public Service Com-

one that will put the Public Service Com-inission on the high plane designed for it by former Governor Hughes.

Commissioner Hayward made a hur-ried trip to Albany yesterday and had a talk with Gov. Whitman at the Ex-ecutive Mansion early last night, and he was then told of the Governor's ofof the McCall vacancy to Mr. Straus The Straus appointment is also taken as an indication that no mere politicians but equally high class men will be ap-

NAMING A SURPRISE.

"I hear all you say," observed Com- Governor Credited With Playing Shrewdest of Politics. Gov. Whitman's appointment of Mr

Straus was a complete surprise to all the prognosticators who have been mus-ing over the situation caused by the re-moval of Judge McCall as chairman of of a Municipal Court in The Problem in the possibility of his being appointed to the Public Service the Public Service had his name been mentioned in the had his name been mentioned in the possibility.

father, who is vice-president of the Union Railway Company, about the appointment.

Coming back to the \$14,690, the Schaffer of the mice things that were said of Mr. Schaffer of the mice things that the voic the mice things that were said of Mr. Schaffer of Canadian officials sent a formal notice will not be accepted for Canadian officials sent a formal notice the would not be accepted for Canadian officials sent a formal notice will not the mice the Would not be accepted for Canadian officials sent a formal notice will not the mice the Would not be accepted for Canadian officials sent a f

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WOODISASKED OSCAR S.STRAUS Dumba Directs Spy Work; May Indict von Nuber

M'CALL'S PLACE Austrian Consul-General and Baron Zwiedinek Are Accused as His Chief Aids in Carrying Out Orders From Vienna.

MARCUS BRAUN FIGURES AS A MESSENGER

"Evidence involving the Austro-Hungarian Embassy and Alexander von Nuber, the Austrian Consul-General in New York, in the smuggling of official documents of accounts and expenditures to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Vienna has been presented by the Provimission for the First district. Mr. Straus to the care of Marcus Braun of New

Scandinavian-American liner Oscar II. with a large package of documents that had been given to him by Consul-General von Nuber for delivery to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Vienna. "When the steamer reached Kirkwall

she was held there for three days and searched. Ordered on deck with all the other passengers to be questioned by the English inspectors, Braun slipped the documents under the cushion of a seat in an empty cabin adjoining his own. When He was notified by a steward that while passengers were on deck a search had been made of the cabins and that the bundle for which he was looking had been discovered and taken away.

"Braun returned to this country on the same steamer, in the middle of September, bringing with him large quantities of moving picture films made in Berlin and Vienna for propaganda work in the United States." The Journal prints a facsimile of a letter sent by Baron Zwiedinek, the pres-

eral von Nuber, telling him to forward to him detailed information about Braun's trip with these papers. Following is the ranslation of the communication:
"Lenox, Mass., Sept. 3, 1915.
"I. and R. Austro-Hungarian Embassy,

ent acting Ambassador, to Consul-Gen-

"No. 1800-N. I. a-"Regarding the official accounts of the I. and R. Consulate-General in New "To the I. and R. Consulate-General in

New York, N. Y.:
"Through private channels it comes now to the knowledge of the embassy that the I. and R. Consulate-General had entrusted to Marcus Braun an official report destined for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, together with the official acing to information received at the I, and "The consulate is hereby requested to report whether this is true and in the a written report regarding such an important matter. The embassy must at

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 9.—The Providence Journal will say to-morrow morning: not suffice, as it is impossible for him to remember all the things brought to his attention during his short stay there with all the exigencies surrounding him

> "Evidence implicating Baron Zwied! nek, Consul-General von Nuber and a number of Austrian consuls throughou the country is being gathered in large quantities by the Department of Jus-tice and action will be taken in the immediate future against several of these

men." the Journal story goes on.
"The following employees of the Austrian Consul-General's office in New York have been secretly taken before the United States District Attorney in New York city in the last few days and questioned with regard to various transa tions that have gone on in the consulate. These employees are seven in number, including four stenographers, Mary Stanska of 196 Stanhope street, Brook-lyn: Olga Grunstein of 151 West 123d street, Manhattan: Felicitas Guenther of 96 Oswald place, Prince's Bay, Staten Island, and Eleanora Makroczy of 602 West 137th street, Manhattan; two meshe returned to his room after the Eng-lish officers had left the ship Braun worked his way to the empty cabin to look for the papers, but discovered when he lifted the cushion that they were gone. place, Prince's Bay. Several other emamined.

"The Journal has positive information to the effect that Baron Zwiedinek is re-celving instructions regularly direct from Dr. Dumba, who in still practically, to all intents and purposes, in charge of the in this country. It is known positively that Dr. Dumba has been issuing instructions to Baron Zwiedinek and to Von Nuber ever since his return to Vienna and it is common knowledge in that city and in all the Austrian consulates in this country that he is so engaged.

"The Journal has handed to the De-partment of Justice a mass of testi-mony which proves conclusively the active work that is being done by Baron

VON NUBER'S CASE UP.

Lansing, Suggesting Prosecution. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- The State Department has received a report from the Department of Justice covering the de-tails of Consul-General von Huber's at-tempt to smuggle correspondence through of an American passport.

The Department of Justice also has suggested that it be allowed to take

criminal action before a Grand Jury looking toward an indictment. Officials refused to comment on the

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U. S. AGENTS SEIZE AN IRISH ORGAN M. J. O'BRIEN AS HEIR

Records of Chicago "Irish Will Disposing of \$7,000,000 Voice" Taken After Alleged Canadian Protest.

MAY INVOLVE MEN HERE CAUSE NOT EXPLAINED

reported, however, that Washington offi- the \$7,000,000 estate.

and these were comparatively few and far between, so much so that I would be sons," he replied. "Our company was a their valiant efforts. Men fought among ashamed to tell you the amount of real very strong competitor of his company." themselves. The city was terror stricker

Also Excludes Ex-Justice as Executor.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Agents of the United When the will of Andrew Freedman Petersburg and Norfolk and relayed to States Department of Justice swooped down to-day on the promoters of the it was found that while the provisions Gov. Stuart. Supt. Morgan of the in Pont plant sent the last message from Hopewell before the wires went down down to-day on the promoters of the it was found that as announced by Sam'Irish Voice," a pro-German weekly that were in the main as announced by Samran a short and tortuous course in Chiuel Untermyer, one of the executors, cers and said that the plant was safe, but that the entire town appeared to be cago last summer, confiscating records, there was a bequest to ex-Justice Morby-laws and circulation data. The gan J. O'Brien and a subsequent revoca- wrong. seizure was directed by Henton G. tion of the gift which had not been men-Clabaugh, chief of the Chicago bureau. | tioned. A codicil to the will also revoked Local Federal officers refused to-night the appointment of Judge O'Brien as a to divulge any information respecting trustee of the Andrew Freedman Home the purpose of the investigation. It was for the Aged, which is to get the bulk of the high wind lifted the sparks and so the high wind lifted the sparks and so

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to whether the publication, recently decoased, was in any way indentified with
the German propaganda headquarters
in New York and whether its publishers
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had deliberately violated the neutrality
had deliberately violated the neutrality
sald: "First, I hereby revoke the gift
and a fire steamer, a chemical wagon
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The will, executed on August 9, 1907,
left to Morgan J. O'Brien "such pair of
my horrses with harness and equipment
complete with victoria as he may select."
The first codicil to the will, executed at
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The Chamber of Commerce called for
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with the problems that confront the Public Service Commission, especially the chairman, admitted that the Governor would have sought long for a man whose reputation in the community and throughout the country would have sought to be commission, especially the chairman, admitted that the Governor would have sought long for a man whose reputation in the community and throughout the country would have sought long for a man whose helped so much to inspire respect and confidence in a body that for nearly a year has been under criticism.

Those who look for the political aspects of everything that a Governor does put it down that Gov. Whitman again had proved himself a shrewd player of the game. His naming of the man who went to the top of the Progressive ticket in this State in a year when social and political forces were fairly boiling was interpreted as the biggest step yet taken here or in any other State to salve the social state of the company and the community of the company and founded the Casualty Company of America and was completed as the biggest step yet taken here or in any other State to salve the social state

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DU PONT WAR **BOOM TOWN IS** NOW IN RUINS

Flames Fanned by 30 Mile Wind Nearly Wipe Hopewell, Va., Off Map.

10,000 FAMILIES MADE HOMELESS

Great Powder Plant Still Stands-1,000 Men Are on Guard.

FIRE ATTRIBUTED TO INCENDIARISM

Two Men Killed Trying to Rob Bank Cashier-Negro Lynched.

Hopewell, Va., Dec. 9 .- Almost all ler p nt-is in smouldering ruins to night. A fire, fanned by a thirty mile northwest wind, raging all afternoon and far into the night, caused \$2,500,000

The city is gripped with terror Martial law has been declared. Troops dozen cities to restore order. Distress, confusion, ghouls, fear for the vast powder plant fill the night with grim possibilities

The flames are under control, but that is all there is of hope. The business sections are in ashes. Two banks the Victoria Hotel where 500 Greeks telegraph office was located; virtually the whole town, with the exception of the powder plant itself, has been reduced to ruins. Scenes of terror have the British lines, apparently by the aid the help that has been asked to pre vent further distress.

been guarding the du afternoon and to-night. and others on foot, all armed, are ontro

precautions.
A supposed German agent was an A supposed German agent was arrested early in the day and the belief is current that the big dre may have had incendiary origin, though the authorities are doubtful. The du Pont ofterials assert that the prisoner had blue clais assert that the prisoner had blue prints of the buildings and that a stranger was seen placing something in the company's shipping shed: A diligent search has been made, but late to-night nothing suspicious had been found.

The town has been virtually isolated since mid afternoon. The flames swep the telegraph office before their and hel

incendiarism have caused increased

Fire Starts in Restaurant. The flames were first detected in a

toy in the emergency.

The Chamber of Commerce called for aid from Petersourg, nine miles away, and a fire steamer, a chemical wagon and twenty-five sections of hose with twelve men hurried here on a special

money I lost in this venture.

"There was absolutely no connection with the German Government. We didn't get a dollar from any one but our subscribers, and they were, sad to velve very few."

Luxurious Equipment SOUTHERN RAIL.

WAY Limited trains, Steel electric lighted to Atlanta. Birmingham, New Orleans, Memphis and all principal cities and resorts south. New York office, 264 Fifth Ave.—

South. New York office, 264 Fifth Ave.—

Adv.

ceedings against Public Service Com- by Gov. Whitman to-day to succeed missioner Wood because of his refusal Judge Edward E. McCall as a member to answer questions pertaining to his and chairman of the Public Service Compublic official. When he had finished has accepted the appointment and will York, the editor of Fair Play, who left telling the Commissioner what would be begin his new duties a week from next New York on June 10 of this year on the

"Did you pay any money to become "I did not," declared Commissione

vas leading up to such a climax. Combank account item by item. Thus it phone and finally persuaded him. London, Dec. 9.—Four cities fell to-day into the hands of the Bulgars pur-was disclosed that six months prior to the suggested in political cit suing the remnants of the Serbian army his appointment he borrowed about \$14.—here that the appointment would over the Montenegrin and Albanian 000 from his family. His bank account frontiers. Berlin announces that Dja-showed payments averaging \$450 a kova, in northwestern Montenegro, Dibra month to his brother, P. Erskine Wood, and Struga, on the Albanian border, and payments which the Commissioner in-Ochrida, in the southwestern corner of sisted were in liquidation of this debt, The Austrian campaign in Montenegro should be paid to P. Erskine Wood and

Erskine Wood, the Commissioner's prother, took a similar position respecting his private affairs. He told willingly enough of loaning his brother \$3,500 and of taking the stock of the Northwestern Construction Company as part payment. He sold the stock for to William O. Banks and deribed how Hanks paid him by checks.

After Mr. Banks had verified what P. missioner Wood was called. He told of borrowing the \$14,000 six months be says then identified items in his bank account with the Lawyers Title and Trust

"That is my own business, personal business transacted before I went on the commission and I decline to answer."
"Well, we think it is our business and you are going in the combination of the convention insisted upon nominating him. He has made up his mind either that he shall be Governor again or President. ession of the Ailies' war council to-day.

ANGLO-FRENCH PARLIAMENT? to get the Commissioner to say what he borrowed money from his mother for, but got a second refusal.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sex.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—The Daily Mail a subpona be prepared for Mrs. Alice says that a movement is on foot among members of the British and French Parment that it was just as important for ment that it was just as important for the committee to know what Commissioner Wood's qualifications were two days before he became a Commissioner am Gulland, the Government whip, in

> Tierney Suggests Appointment. In answer to other questions the Commissioner said that Judge Tierney, then of a Municipal Court in The Bronx, first

"Did you know Andrew Freedman?"
"Yes. I knew him."
"Did you ever give him any money?"
"I never gave him any. I may have bought securities from him."
"Did you make any kind of a contribution to him or any one else since or within three months of your appointment?"
I did not."